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SUBJECT: UNDP/UNICEF ROTATION SCHEME FOR WEOG GUARANTEES

CLEAN SLATES FOR THE NEXT 11 YEARS.

¶1. In an amicable split decision within WEOG, 28 members of the group have agreed to begin allocating seats on the UNDP and UNICEF Executive Boards among themselves in accordance with the 15 year rotation plan presented earlier this month by the Swiss facilitator. Though the U.S. opted out of the scheme, it leaves an open seat available to us in every year the U.S. will be running for re-election through 2017 (UNICEF) and 2016 (UNDP). Members acknowledged that the scheme will begin to break down at that point and need to be renegotiated because of conflict between its allocation of seats and U.S. membership. Many hope that there is enough flexibility in the scheme (which leaves 6 unspecified years to be shared by the 6 smallest WEOG countries but which could also be available for the U.S. or other large donors) to provide scope to continue agreed slates in the 2016-2021 period.

¶2. Malta joined the U.S. in opting out of the plan, reserving its right to run for election at any time (though it indicated no intention of doing so). Israel joined the scheme and is allocated one year on each board at some unspecified date after 2011.

¶3. Comment: This solution, which Mission helped to broker, guarantees clean slates for the next 11 years, while preserving our position (consistent with the P5 convention) that the U.S. should be a member of any UN body in which it chooses to participate at any time.  
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